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RE: Public Records Request No. 2019-01854

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence, which was received by the California Department of Justice on August 1, 2019, in which you sought records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (PRA) as set forth in Government Code section 6250 et seq.

Specifically, you requested that we provide the following:

*All emails sent to, from, or copied to Matt Rodriquez, former Acting Chief Deputy Attorney General from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014 containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings: "Death row," "Cannabis," or "death row."*

Agencies are permitted to extend the date for responding to a public records request for fourteen days beyond the original 10-day deadline under specified circumstances. (§ 6253, subd. (c).) Your request was received by this office on August 1, 2019, and the initial deadline of our response therefore is August 12, 2019, because the tenth day fell on a Sunday. Fourteen days beyond this date is August 26, 2019.

Agencies may take an extension for several reasons, which may be summarized as follows:

1. The need to search for and collect records from field offices or other facilities that are separate from the office processing the request.
2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request.
3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the

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request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein. (§ 6253, subd. (c).)

In this instance, an extension is needed for consultation with two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest in the request. We will provide a further response on or before August 26, 2019.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Public Records Coordinator*

Public Records Coordinator

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